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ALBERT WOOLSON

This picture of the sole survivor of the Union Army of the Civil War was taken at his home in Duluth, Minnesota, on February 11, which was the anniversary of his 107th birthday.



On Monday evening, August 9th, during our National Encampment, a ceremony in his honor and in commemoration of the services rendered our country by the men who saved the Union in 1861-1865 will be held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Hotel Duluth. This will probably be the last time such a ceremony can be held with any G. A. R. Veteran present.

G. A. R. Highway Memorial in Colorado



The memorial pictured above was dedicated on May 30 by the Colo. & Wyo. Dep't on U. S. Highway No. 6 (G.A.R. Highway) at intersection of Highway 40, 12 miles west of Denver. The Mortar on top of the monument was one used by Gen. Shipley in the Civil War and was donated by the Historical Society of Denver. The plaque was furnished by the Sons of Union Veterans and Allied Orders. Mrs. Orpha Cheney Hall (sister of Vernon Cheney of Calif.) was sponsor. Dep't Commander Herbert Smith opened the ceremonies, and the speakers included Lt. Gov. Abbott and Highway Engineer Mark Waters. The rifle salute was fired by members of Colo State Camp No. 1. Arrangements for the service were made by P.D.C. A. G. Myers, but he was taken ill and could not attend.

National Chaplain's Message

Nat'l Encampment time is upon us again. Are you ready to go to Duluth? Let us all go to the Encampment with thanksgiving in our hearts to our Heavenly Father for the many blessings He has given us. Also, for the health and happiness of our last comrade, Albert Woolson. May he enjoy a time of fellowship with us.

Let us welcome the new delegates to the Encampment with their new ideas and ideals. To the new Camps and their officers we welcome you. To all the Camp and Dep't officers our best wishes for a successful year.

We thank our Heavenly Father for the good life of P. C. in C. Dr. Ralph R. Barrett. He was devoted to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, working tirelessly in their behalf, giving freely of his time and money. To P.N.P. Lena Barrett, his sister Nina Wegner and his daughters, our deepest sympathy in their great loss. May our Heavenly Father give them courage and strength in this, their darkest hour.

Louis T. Story

Entertain at Soldiers Home



Pictured are members of the Jr. Aux. of Lafayette, Indiana Camp S.U.V.C.W. as they presented an Easter Program at the Indiana State Soldiers Home recently. Members of the Camp and Aux. presented members of the home with gifts and refreshments.

\$10 for Permanent Honor Roll

The G. A. R. Permanent Honor Roll Fund received \$10 recently which sent the total to \$875.00.

The contribution came from Mrs. Jennie Bennett of New Hope, Pa., in memory of her husband, Richard F. Bennett, a Past Dep't Comdr. of New Jersey.

100 YEARS AGO

1854—Lincoln was awakened from his political lethargy by the repeal of the Missouri Compromise. This act brought to the front the slavery question which had always been of supreme interest to him. The keynote speech of his return to politics was delivered at Springfield on October 4th, 1854. It was called the "Anti-Nebraska Speech". A few days later the address was repeated at Peoria in reply to Stephen A. Douglas. Upon the persuasion of his friends, in the fall of 1854, Lincoln again became a candidate for the Illinois General Assembly and was elected by a large majority. He resigned before taking his seat in order that he might become a candidate for Congress. He was defeated, however, for this office, but not disheartened, The "Lost Speech" at Bloomington the following year indicated he was still alert to current political situations

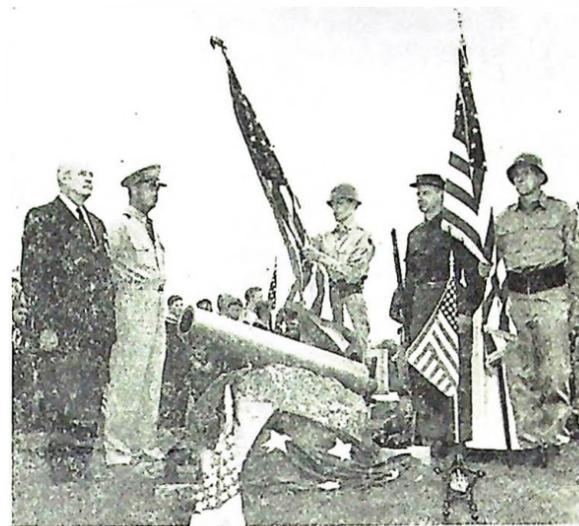
Contemporaries appreciate the man rather than the merit; but posterity will regard the merit rather than the man

The time men spend in trying to impress others they could spend in doing the things by which others would be impressed. —Frank Romer

The inheritance of a distinguished and noble name is a proud inheritance to him who lives worthily of it.

People vote their resentment—never their appreciation.

Rhode Island Ceremony



Pictured left to right are C. in C. Grant; 1st. Lieut. Herbert C. Young, Commander Battery D Rhode Island Nat'l Guard and Pvts. John Cercena, Robt Kenyon and Robt. Greene of Battery D at the rededication of a Civil War Dahlgren Boat Howitzer in the First Hopkinton Cemetery on May 23rd. The memorial was dedicated under the auspices of Amos P. Chapman Camp with A. Waller Lewis Jr. as chairman.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, M. D.

June 20, 1874—May 27, 1954

While I had met Dr. Barrett previously, I did not become intimately associated with him until the Encampment at Pittsburgh in 1939. In him I saw a man of refinement and a man of rare ability. He seemed to know what he thought of our organization, what was needed, and what could be done to meet the needs. While he was expecting to be elected to the high office of Commander-in-Chief, he could not be considered a "politician" in the organization.

Having been elected, he proceeded to build up his staff of workers who were sympathetic with his ideals, and they all willingly followed his splendid leadership. He gave of his time, his talent, his resources, and the best of himself to the interests of the Order.

As a Doctor of Medicine, Dr. Barrett thought of his patients as friends. As long as he was physically able, he answered the calls for relief day or night. He gave his services to all regardless of their economic status.

Dr. Barrett was a Christian gentleman, and was not at all backward in letting his light shine. He was a loyal Churchman. His pastor could count on him being in his pew, and seated in the councils of the church when called to service in kingdom building enterprises at home or abroad.

He joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Ohio in 1897, later moving to California where he served as Dep't Commander in 1933. He served in many capacities in the Nat'l Organization, including Chairman of the G. A. R. Highway Committee from

1940 to 1943. He was a Charter Member of the Exchange Club of Huntington Park, Calif., and a member of the Board of Directors of The Salvation Army.

As long as he was able, he was always on hand to greet the official visitors of all the patriotic orders to the west coast. We shall miss him.

Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, D. D., P. C. in C.
(Dr. Barrett's Nat'l Chaplain)

Jersey Honors Last Survivor



Shown above are Mrs. Florence Jansson, Dep't Aux. Pres. and Fred H. Combs Jr., Dep't Comdr. as they examine plaque which reads as follows:

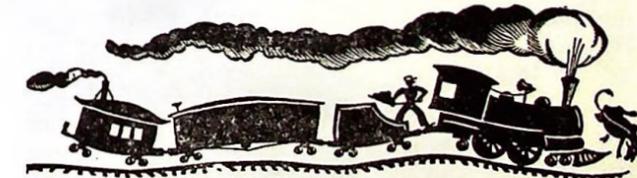
Within these sacred bounds lies the final bivouac of the last member of the New Jersey Dep't Grand Army of the Republic, Comrade William H. Perrine, Died December 11, 1945 at the age of 100 years.

Erected by The Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, Dep't of New Jersey to commemorate the valor and sacrifices of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and all Union Veterans of the Civil War.

May They Rest In Peace
May 30, 1954

Others on the program which took place in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield, N. J., were: Mrs. Veronica Diehl Dep't Pres. W. R. C., and Mrs. Edna W. Idenden, Dep't Pres. Ladies of the G. A. R.

Duluth Special



Everyone intending to travel to Duluth in special cars being provided by the Burlington Railroad is requested to make their reservations immediately with Mr F. C. Reisse, Gen. Agt., Burlington Route, Suite 1238, 123 S. Broad St., Phila. 9, Pa. This information is necessary in arranging for bus transportation to and from the hotel, and for the sightseeing bus trip enroute.

Mistrust the man who finds everything good; the man who finds everything evil; and still more the man who is indifferent to everything.—Lavater



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Headquarters
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War

1135 21st Street, N. W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

July 1, 1954

1. This being the last issue of The Banner before the Nat'l Encampment, the opportunity is taken to urge most strongly upon all our members who possibly can to come to Duluth. This is a most attractive city, free from the congestion, hustle and bustle of our metropolitan centers, and enjoying a delightful summer climate. It is located in an area of popular summer resorts, the center of fishing, boating, and just loafing for thousands of Americans. A few days in its invigorating atmosphere will do us all good.

The hotel accommodations available to us are reported to be more adequate than usual and entirely satisfactory. There are many matters of importance to our Order to be settled, in the consideration of which all eligible delegates should take part. Then this is a last opportunity to meet with the Grand Army of the Republic, at least with its surviving Rear Guard, to pay homage to the memory of our fathers and grandfathers, and to express our appreciation of what they did for our country and for us, their sons, and civilization. This is not just a sentimental gesture on our part, but a historic fact which it is our inherited duty to bring to the attention of all Americans.

2. Nat'l Officers and Committee Chairmen are reminded to have their reports in the hands of the Nat'l Sec'y-Treas. by July 25, 1954. Officers whose reports exceed one typewritten page in length will come with a summary prepared which will eliminate descriptive and explanatory matter not of immediate import to the Encampment as a whole. It is desired to have no reading of long exhaustive reports, although such material may be essential to the filed report for the record. Recommendations will be prepared in the form of resolutions, which will be handed to the proper committees on Monday morning, or inclosed with the written report sent to the Nat'l Sec'y-Treas. The committees will not be expected to prepare any resolution to put into form for action the recommendations of officers. Dep'ts will send their recommendations for resolutions in to the Sec'y-Treas. at an early date before the opening of the Encampment. All Dep't Sec'y-Treas's are requested to file their quarterly reports for the June Quarter no later than July 20th in order to be included in the printed report of the Nat'l Sec'y-Treas.

3. The following Credential Committee is appointed:
David A. Phelps, Dep't Comdr., Minnesota
Earl F. Riggs, P.D.C., California
George Satterthwaite, Sr. Vice Comdr., New Jersey
Leslie W. More, P.D.C., New York
Charles W. Hooper, Dep't Comdr., Massachusetts

4. In spite of the new Camps and new Members obtained by our live Dep'ts, old age and death continue to take from us our Brothers faster than new ones join.

This must be stopped, if our Order is to survive and wield the influence it should as we pick up the torch from the failing hands of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is necessary to again call the attention of all members, camps, and dep'ts alike, to the fact that applicants for membership will be knocking at our doors, if we but DO SOMETHING and the public knows it. Of course, it must be something worthwhile, something that the younger generation would like to be in on. Bro. Lewis has shown us that this is true with his revival of a moribund camp in Rhode Island, and arousing the interest of the entire southwest corner of his state and much of the officialdom at large by establishing a memorial to the G. A. R. in the Hopkinton Churchyard. Bro. Dexter has shown us it can be done with his three new Camps this year in Michigan. I could quote many more examples of how ingenuity and enterprise have, as always, found ways and means to enlarge our Order and its influence.

I venture to suggest that nearly every community must have a Civil War monument, a historic building or site, the restoration or marking of which can be the special care of a Camp and arouse public interest. Every Camp could hold one or two public meetings or dinners a year, at which a well known and competent speaker could be induced to discuss some very special question of immediate national importance followed by a discussion, in which the guests might join and at least one member of the Camp be prepared to draw a comparison between it and the way a similar problem was solved by our fathers. Interest in the Civil War is not dead, as proved by the 19 Civil War Round Tables already in existence, and the many historical books being written and SOLD.

What is needed is interest in doing something, energy, ingenuity, and persistence. We have a great tradition. We have inherited an obligation to spread it, and such spreading is the best possible counter-offensive to the campaign of the subversive elements in our midst. Let us watch what they are doing and be ready at every opportunity to analyse its impact on our institutions and the form of government our fathers preserved for us.

At least, let us make our meetings interesting, cut out the endless arguments about matters of routine and procedure, let some member at each meeting, after due preparation, tell of his father's or grandfather's experiences in the Civil War and after—he will get much pleasure and profit in looking up the story—and make the meetings something the younger men will like to attend. Invite any Sons of Confederate veterans, who live in the neighborhood, in to do likewise. They are good Americans today, which is the supreme and unusual victory our fathers won in 1865 and after.

Your Nat'l Officers cannot do this for you. It must start at the grass roots with our Camps. Surely you have the intelligence, knowledge and will, the way will be found.

5. In recognition of his outstanding and effective service in establishing a Memorial for the Grand Army of the Republic in the Hopkinton Church Cemetery and in reviving Amos P. Chapman Camp at Ashaway, R. I., Bro. A. Waller Lewis Jr. is hereby appointed a Nat'l Aide to the Commander-in-Chief.

6. In conclusion, the Commander-in-Chief wishes to express his heartfelt thanks to those Sons of Union Veterans and the

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General Order, concluded

members of our loyal and effective Auxiliary for the many kindnesses extended to him, for the consideration and courtesies and hospitality that have made his visits to various departments and camps so very interesting and pleasant. He appreciates deeply the honor of having been Commander-in-Chief this year, and wishes his successor equal pleasure in his duties and a greater success in building up the Organization to what it should be as successor to the Grand Army of the Republic.

U. S. Grant 3rd, Commander-in-Chief

Attest: A. C. Lambert, Nat'l Sec'y-Treas.

Encampment Program

Duluth, Minn. (Central Standard Time) 1954

Sun. Aug. 8. Arrivals

Mon. Aug. 9.

9:00 A.M. Nat'l Council meetings—Both Organizations

9:30 A.M. Credentials received—Both Organizations

9:30 A.M. Aux.-All Nat'l and Special Aides meet with Chief of Staff in Ballroom

10:30 A.M. Dep't Presid'ts or representatives—Dep't Comdrs. or representatives meet with Nat'l Chaplains in Ballroom

1:30 P.M. Courtesy bus trip for delegates of both organizations

8:00 P.M. Public ceremony honoring Comrade Woolson in Crystal ballroom (see elsewhere)

Tues. Aug. 10

9:00 A.M. Opening sessions—Aux. in Crystal ballroom, S.U.V.C.W. in Moorish room

1:30 P.M. Business sessions

4:00 P.M. Joint Memorial Services—direction Nat'l Chaplains, in Crystal ballroom

5:30 P.M. Banquet—Past Nat'l Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief, English room

8:00 P.M. Aux. Courtesy Hour—ballroom, direction Nat'l Chief of Staff Mrs. Anna I. Stoudt

9:30 P.M. Color and sound movie of G.A.R. Highway, direction of P.C. in C. Allan Holbrook (courtesy Highway No. 6 Ass'n.)

Wed. Aug. 11

9:00 A.M. Business sessions

1:30 P.M. Business sessions. Greetings received Aux.—Nomination of Officers to be first order of business

6:00 P.M. Banquet honoring Commander-in-Chief and Nat'l President, Crystal ballroom, direction of Nat'l Chief of Staff Mrs. Anna I. Stoudt

9:00 P.M. Reception and Dance honoring Nat'l President and Commander-in-Chief, direction of Nat'l Chief of Staff Mrs. Anna I. Stoudt

Thur. Aug. 12

8:00 to 10:00 A.M. Aux. balloting for officers

9:00 A.M. Business sessions

12 Noon Aux. Past Dep't Presidents Luncheon, Arrowhead room

1:30 P.M. Concluding Business sessions

7:00 P.M. Nat'l Council meetings, both organizations

8:00 P.M. Joint Installation of Officers—Ballroom

Fri. Aug. 13 Departures

Program Honoring Albert Woolson

Last survivor of the Union Army of 1861-1865

Hotel Duluth, Duluth, Minn., Monday, Aug. 9, 8 P.M.

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Presiding: Mr. Harold A. Grinden
Duluth Chamber of Commerce

1. Selections by Drum & Bugle Corps, 515th Air Group, U. S. Air Force
2. Massing of Colors by Color Guards from various Veteran and Military Organizations
3. Greetings, Hon. George D. Johnson, Mayor of Duluth
4. Greetings, Hon. C. Elmer Anderson, Governor of Minnesota
5. Response to Greetings and introduction of principal speaker, U. S. Grant 3rd, Maj-Gen. U.S.A., Ret., Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
6. Address, Dr. Kenneth Powers Williams, Ph. D., Mathematics Professor Indiana Univ. Author of "Lincoln Finds A General"
7. Remarks, Albert Woolson, Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic
8. Selections, Combined Nurses Choir, St. Luke's Hospital
9. Greetings, Mrs. Mildred Webster, Nat'l President Aux. to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
10. Presentation of bronzed bust of Comrade Woolson Mrs. Hellen Newbright, Nat'l Patriotic Instructor Aux. to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
11. Acceptance of bust for City of Duluth, Hon. Geo. D. Johnson, Mayor of Duluth
12. Greetings, Gertrude McLean, Nat'l President of Woman's Relief Corps
13. Greetings, Mrs. Emma Cadieux, Nat'l President Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War
14. Greetings, Mrs. Irene Mangel, Past Nat'l President Ladies of the G. A. R.
15. Greetings, Representatives of other Nat'l Organizations
16. Selections, Air Force Drum & Bugle Corps

Our principal speaker, Dr. Kenneth P. Williams, Ph. D., is the author of many books, including "Lincoln Finds A General", considered by some to be the best and most interesting history of the Civil War. He is a graduate of Clark College, Worcester, Mass. and of Princeton Univ. He has served many years in the Indiana Nat'l Guard as Captain, Major, and Colonel, and commanded the 113th Q.M. Reg. and Q.M. 38th Div. in Federal service in 1941. We can look forward to an interesting and inspiring message from him on "What the Grand Army of the Republic Did and Stood For in History".

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Dewey B. Mead will be the official escort for Comrade Woolson.

Everyone wishing to see Comrade Woolson is requested to attend this ceremony. Due to his advanced age and the great number attending the Encampment it is requested that no one attempt to see him at his home.

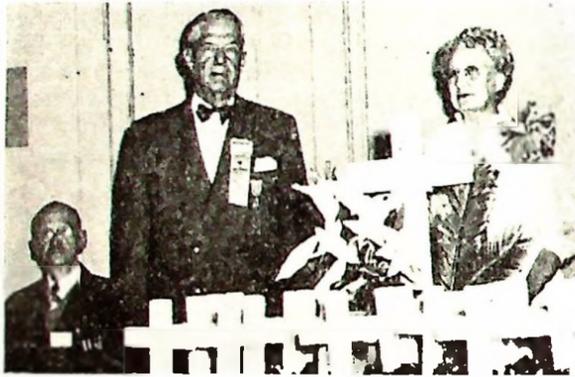


Department News



California-P.C. in C. Dr. Ralph Barrett passed away May 27 after two years illness. A native of Ohio, he came to Calif. in 1922 and established himself in the practice of medicine. On Apr. 16, 1897 he joined Daniel Fox Camp 508 at New London, Ohio and was instrumental in organizing McLaughlin Camp 12 at Mansfield. After coming to Calif. he served as Comdr. of Rosecrans Camp for 4 years. Bro. Barrett served 4 years as Nat'l Chairman of the G.A.R. Highway (U.S. No. 6) spending his time and money to further its completion. A member of the First Congregational Church, State Medical Ass'n, and Exchange Club, he was beloved by everyone and the ray of sunshine that he spread over all will be sadly missed. . . . Our State Encampment was held May 2-5 in San Jose and had a record attendance. The highlight of the Encampment was the two-day attendance of Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant 3rd. Wallace W. Scott of Pasadena is the new Dep't Comdr. and Mrs. Lena A. Simmons of Phil Kearney Aux. is the new Dep't Pres. Flags were presented to Chandler Tripp School by the Sons and Aux

At San Jose



Pictured during the Calif. & Pacific Encampment, left to right: Dep't Comdr. Jesse H. Taylor, Commander-in-Chief Grant, and Dep't Pres. Pearl Freeman.

Illinois-The 72nd Encampment was held at the Morrison Hotel, Chicago in conjunction with other G.A.R. family members June 11-12. Attendance was fair with more than half of our Camps represented. Reports list progress with one suspended Camp about to be reinstated. Dep't Comdr. Moore of Decatur was unanimously reelected with A. Leroy Reynolds as Sec'y and A. S. Holbrook as Treas. A check for \$100.00 was ordered sent to the G.A.R. Fund. Cook County Superior Court Judge Harry G. Hershenson was the principal speaker at the joint family dinner.

Indiana-P.D.C. Thomas Horn was general chairman of the Lafayette Memorial Day observance. The colorful parade was headed by the Sons of Union Veterans Fife and Drum Corps. All veteran organizations were represented on the program.

Maine-Camp Biddeford carried out usual Memorial Day activities. P. D. C. Martin Tilley who first affiliated with the Order in 1891 has a collection of old rituals and badges. Sympathy of the Camp is extended to Past Comdr. David Grindle whose mother passed away

June 6. . A fine Dep't Encampment was held with the following elected: Dep't Comdr. Norman E. Fossett, Sr. Vice Lester Crenner, Jr. Vice Linwood Miller, Council C. Lloyd Hooker, Maurice J. Warner, Charles C. Webster, Sec'y-Treas. Albert DeHaven, Patriotic Instructor Melvin Stone.

Maryland-Following a tradition of many years, PDC Ludwig E. Manoly supervised the Memorial Day program at the Battle Ground Nat'l Cemetery in District of Columbia. This is located in a grove of old trees near the Walter Reed Medical Center and here are buried men that fell at Fort Stevens. . . Mrs. Irene Giles, new Dep't Pres. announces that Cushing Aux of Washington, D. C., will place a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Dead of the Civil War in Arlington Cemetery each Memorial Day in the name of the Dept.

Massachusetts-The Pioneer Valley Ass'n of Western Mass. held its election of officers at Holyoke recently as follows: Comdr. Herbert W. Bogue, Sr. Vice Comdr. George A. Adams, Jr. Vice Comdr. Edward Bressette, John W. Emery as Sec'y-Treas. . . Woodbury Camp of Lynn mourns the death of Edward W. Baker, a Past Camp Comdr. and at one time Jr. Vice Dep't Comdr. . . On May 3 a wreath was placed at the Eastern terminus of the G. A. R. Highway by P. D. C. Blanche Crocker representing Dep't Pres. Marguerite Mitcheson. A similar tribute is placed there each year. Camp 30 Dorchester was active in decoration of Civil War graves under direction of Comdr. Robert L. Wood. . .

Camp 62 Everett, completed their work on May 30th and assisted Camp 34 Wakefield, by furnishing a firing squad. . . Camp 81 Chelsea, took charge of the city memorial services. Mayor Andrew P. Quigley was the orator. Over 2,000 witnessed the impressive ceremony held under direction of P.D.C. Addison A. Quinn. The Camp presented six large American flags to the French School, one Scout flag to the Salvation Army Boy Scouts, and three U. S. Bunting flags. Geo. W. Kimball represented C in C. Grant at the dedication of the new Gold Star Mothers' Monument at Glenwood Cemetery, Everett, on June 6. Ralph Bickmore, Pres. No. Met. District Ass'n represented them. The Camp is co-operating with its Aux. in planning for the reception and banquet to be tendered Mrs. Marguerite Micheson Dep't Pres. of the Aux. . . P.D.C. Louis Winchell and Comdr. Fred O. Hadley of Camp 80 Malden, performed their sacred duty on Memorial Day which was followed by a catered dinner. . . Dep't Comdr. Hooper, Dep't Pres. of Aux., and Wm. Randolph Cohen Jr., of Camp 9 attended ceremonies at Watertown Arsenal on Armed Forces Day, May 15, at which time Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Rodman Laboratory was dedicated. He was in command of the Arsenal from 1815 to 1871. Camp 56 Cambridge, carried out their Memorial Day work in a most dignified manner. Comdr. Frank F. Johnson was again parade marshal. . . Wm. F. Welsh and Geo. W. Kimball of Camp 81 Chelsea, served on a committee of three to erect a flag pole and plaque at Holy Cross Cemetery on May 31 in memory of veterans of all wars. . . P. D. C. Louis Winchell reports many reservations for his Greyhound Bus tour to Duluth, Minn. Those wishing to go via bus are requested to contact him at 11 Fairmont Place, Malden 48, Mass. Rates are \$57.00 round trip including all taxes and handling charges.

Michigan-Bro. A. C. Marvin of Ontario, Can (member of Camp 7, Jackson, Mich.) decorated Civil War graves in St. Williams and (continued next page)

News, continued

Port Rowan, Can., with flags furnished by the Mich. Dep't. . . Camp 1 Detroit, P.D.C. Charles F. Dexter served as Marshall of the 1st Division in the Detroit Memorial Day parade. The S. V. R. had a color guard following the Marshall. . . An American flag was presented to Camp 4 by Comdr. Barker and family Apr. 24. . . The new U. S. Grant Camp No. 5, through the Comdr., Wm. T. Hoffman, presented a new American flag to the Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle May 30. The Camp's Charter was closed with 27 members and they received the charter at the Dep't Encampment. Austin Blair Camp 7 has presented several American flags during the past year at Jackson. . . Howe Camp 9 of Port Huron received its charter at a ceremony at I. O.O.F. Hall, May 1. . . Robert Finch Camp 14, Grand Rapids reported they have presented several American flags during the year, also their committee marked many graves on Memorial Day. Thomas L. Wilson of Grand Rapids is the newly elected Dep't Comdr. Both Detroit and Grand Rapids presented strong requests for support of their Convention Bureaus invitations to hold the Nat'l Encampment in 1955.

Attends Minnesota Encampment



The Minnesota Encampment, S.U.V.C.W. and Aux. were highly honored by a visit from Comrade Albert Woolson last month in Duluth. Pictured left to right are Sr. Vice C. in C. Dewey B. Mead; Comrade Woolson; Alice Payne, then Dep't President of Aux.; and David A. Phelps who was reelected as Dep't Comdr.

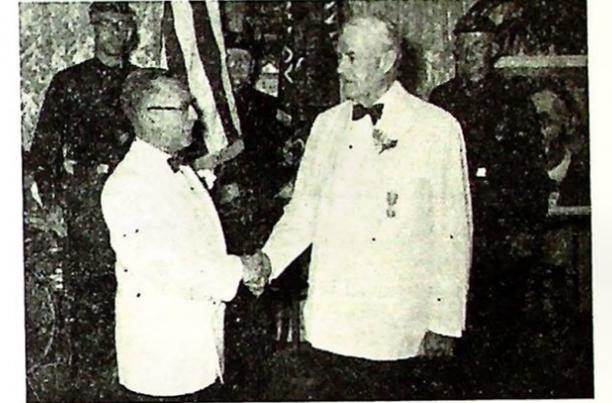
Missouri-Warren Stuart Aux. 7 recently celebrated their 50th anniversary with the only surviving charter member present. She is P.D.P. Lydia Schneider.

New England Regional Ass'n-will hold its summer meeting on July 17-18 at The Weirs, New Hampshire. A new feature has been added that on Sunday morning a joint session with the Aux. is held to talk over joint activities. The annual election of officers will be held on Saturday afternoon. All Camps and Aux's in the association are urged to attend, as well as visitors from other Dep'ts.

New Hampshire-P.C. in C. Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig brought greetings from the Commandery-in-Chief to the Dep't Encampment of the American Legion and Aux. recently in Manchester. He was warmly received and told by the Dep't Comdr. that his father was a Civil War veteran from Maine. . . The annual re-union of the New Hampshire Veterans Ass'n will be held at The Weirs Aug. 19-21. The barracks will be open to all Sons and Aux. members.

New Jersey-The visit by Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant 3rd highlighted our Dep't Encampment. Newly elected officers include: Dep't Comdr. Dr. Karl Roths-

child; Sr. Vice, Geo. Satterthwaite; Jr. Vice, Frank A. L. Daubert. The 1955 Encampment will be held in Asbury Park on June 17-18. New Jersey Dep't Aux. held its usual fine Encampment. Guests included National Pres. Mildred Webster of Maine and Nat'l Vice-Pres. Helen Springer of Penna. Following the banquet and reception, which was arranged by the Aux., a large color picture of Abraham Lincoln was presented to the Lawrence Twp. Jr. High School in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. Among newly elected Aux. officers are; Dep't Pres. Miss Gertrude Murphy and Dep't Vice Pres. Mrs. Louise Daubert.



Picture above shows Commander-in-Chief Grant congratulating Dr. Karl Rothschild, M. D., the newly elected Dep't Comdr. of the New Jersey Dep't.

New York-Cook Camp 223 has lost another member of long standing, Col. Alexander L. Gillig. On Apr. 15 Comdr. Harold L. Wilson placed a wreath on the statue of Lincoln near Historical Bldg. in Delaware Park. . . Gen. Diven Camp 77 of Elmira celebrated its 60th anniversary May 8 with a banquet. Jesse A. Carey, the only surviving charter member was a guest. Jr. V. C. in C. Brockway spoke on Appomattox, P. C. in C. Cranmer gave the history of the Camp. Other guests included Dep't Comdr. John Kernan, Dep't Aux. Pres. Florence Parsons, Dep't Jr. Vice-Pres. D. U. V. C. W. Della Burchard. Attorney James Personius and Rev. Howard E. Vormwood were initiated. P. D. C. Leslie More was toastmaster and Truman Vincent was committee chairman. Members of the Camp, Aux. and D. U. V. C. W. attended Memorial Sunday services at the Trinity Lutheran Church. . . The Northern New York Club conducted exercises May 2 at Grant's Auditorium, Mt. McGregor in commemoration of the birthday of Gen. U. S. Grant. P.N.P. Mary Stapleton presented P. D. C. Charles Messer as presiding officer. The principal address was given by John Boos of Ten Eyck Camp 154. The Flag ceremonies at Lookout Pt. were conducted by Dep't Comdr. John Kernan,; Pres. Robert Wagoner of the Northern N. Y. Club; and Paul Barbagallo, Comdr. of Ten Eyck Camp. . . The annual picnic and meeting of the Southern Tier Ass'n Camps and Aux's will be held July 18 at 1 P. M. at Cayuga Lake State Park on Route 89 near Seneca Falls. . . The 71st Dep't Encampment elected Wm. F. Bruckel of Lafayette Camp as Dep't Comdr., Marshall Hope of Oneida as Sr. Vice, and Truman Vincent of Elmira as Jr. Vice. A love gift of \$765.00 was received from the Aux. The 1955 Dep't Encampment will be held at Rochester, June 23. Sympathy is extended to P.N.P. Mary Stapleton on (continued next page)

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the death of her brother . . . Howland Aux. 10 was recently presented an American flag by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Detweiler in memory of Mrs. Detweiler's grandfather Comrade Levi Hatfield. It has been raised on the G. A. R. Plot in Fishkill Rural Cemetery . . . Major Burdick Aux. 12 has a member who joined in 1898 when the Organization was known as Ladies Aid. After 56 years she is still active and serves as guide. Ritual funeral services were held in May for Past Dep't Chaplain Maud Halpin of Aux. 24. The eulogy was given by P. N. P. Mayme Dwyer . . . DeGraff Aux. 56 presented a flag to the Boy Scout troop of St. Mary's School. Scoutmaster Mr. H. Shaffer accepted.

Oregon & Washington—Attendance was good for both the Sons and Aux at the Dept encampment in Salem. Newspaper publicity and pictures were good. Nat'l Chaplain Louis Story of Calif. represented C. in C. Grant. Mrs. Story was also present. P. C. in C. Davis, who had recently returned from attending Calif. Encampment, showed projected pictures of the Buffalo Nat'l Encampment, also of Ft. Niagara and Niagara Falls. Bro. Story installed Dep't Comdr. Stanley Olin of Portland. Each of the Allied Orders having decided to meet in a different city on a different date eliminated the problem of Aux. members attending the sessions of other Orders during the Encampment. New officers were installed by Past Nat'l Vice-Pres. Beatrice Riggs of Calif. Mrs. Riggs represented Nat'l Pres. Mrs. Mildred Webster, who, accompanied by her husband, had made her visit to Oregon & Washington a few weeks prior to the Convention. Mrs. Riggs was also accompanied by her husband. The office of Dep't Pres. went to Mrs. Mae Washbourne, Springfield, Ore. who had an outstanding record for obtaining new members.

Pennsylvania—Meade Camp 16 of Reading presented three prizes for essays in the amount of \$100. to three members of the graduating class of the Scotland School for Veterans' Children on June 5. This Camp held its annual Benefit Ball and Entertainment in Reading on May 28 at which time they presented their G. A. R. Good Citizenship Award to Mr. Clarence Philip Bowers, an outstanding civic leader in the City of Reading . . . David Star Aux. recently initiated 7 new members. This Aux. voted to maintain a room at Hawkins Station to be known as David Star Aux. Room . . . Aux. 6 recently made a donation to Meade Camp 16 to help with expenses connected with the party for patients at the Lebanon Veterans Hospital.

Rhode Island—The annual field day of the Dep't and Aux. will be on Milton Road, Lakewood, July 24 . . . Dep't Sec'y Hoyt was surprised by a birthday party at the Encampment. He has been a member for 60 years . . . We congratulate P. D. C. Fred J. Arnold and Mrs. Arnold on their 50th wedding anniversary. They have two sons that are also Past Dep't Comdrs: Fred O. Arnold and Harold E. Arnold. Harold is also Nat'l Patriotic Instructor.

Wisconsin—The passing of Dr. James O. Smith of Madison, the early part of the year, took from the Wisconsin Dep't a most loyal and capable member of the Sons of Union Veterans. He was a mainstay in the Camp at Madison and had much influence in the Dept which he served two terms as Dep't Comdr. Brother Smith was thoroly versed in the purposes and objects of the Order and did everything humanly possible to

advance its interests. He had ability needed for Nat'l recognition. He was esteemed by all who knew him for his cordial friendship and kindly humor. He has laid down his working tools and answered a high call.

Dewey B. Mead, Sr. Vice C. in C.

We deeply regret to announce the death on June 16 of
Past National President

Mrs. Margaret P. Stevens
(Department of Ohio)

She served as Nat'l President 1921-1922 and
presided in Des Moines, Iowa

Constitutional Amendments Approved

The two Constitutional Amendments adopted by the 72nd Nat'l Encampment (Art. 8, Permanent Fund and Addition to Art. 7, Associate Membership) approved by ten Dep'ts and are now effective.

Permanent Fund approvals: Colo. & Wyo.; Conn.; Md.; Mass.; Mich.; Minn.; New Hamp.; N. J.; Ohio; Rhode Is.; Wise.

Associate Membership approvals: Calif. & Pac.; Vt.; Conn.; Md.; Mass.; Mich.; New Hamp.; N. J.; Ore. & Wash.; Rhode Is.

Kansas: no action on either; Illinois: no action on the Permanent Fund. No report on action from Missouri and New York.

(Buffalo, N. Y. Encampment)

Note: Those traveling to Duluth via Burlington Railroad—your railroad ticket includes bus transfer to and from hotel as well as the sight-seeing trip in the Twin-Cities.

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